Changes in National Textiles Policy to Project Powerloom Owners

1240. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring a number of changes in the existing National Textile Policy to suit the interest of the small powerloom owners in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether yarn quota allotted by Government to the powerloom sector is being misused by mills and there is no proper safeguard for powerloom owners; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to safeguard the interests of powerloom owners in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) New Textile Policy has taken into consideration all relevant and acceptable recommendations of the Sathyam Committee who before finalising its report have consulted various trade organisations, labour unions, trade bodies, State Governments as well as various sectors of textile industry. The recommendations of the Sathyam Committee focusses mostly on measures to secure progressive increase in production and exportable surplus, removal of technological obsolescence, strengthening of the competitive framework of all segments of the texile industry, removal of avoidable regulations and facilitation for orderly transition of the industry to that of a market oriented forward looking industry.

(c) There is no quota allocation to the powerloom sector for yarn.

(d) Does not arise.